IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

IN RE ST. JUDE MEDICAL, INC., :

SILZONE HEART VALVES PRODUCTS

LIABILITY LITIGATION : MDL DOCKET NO. 01-1396

PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 48

This stipulated Order supersedes Pretrial Order No. 46, which governed the procedures for discovery of expert witnesses who will be offering opinions on issues of general applicability that will be relevant to the cases pending in this MDL (hereinafter "generic experts").

The parties having stipulated thereto, it is hereby ordered and adjudged:

- 1. By November 1, 2005, Plaintiffs shall identify all generic experts the plaintiffs intend to offer and shall produce Rule 26(a) (2) reports of those generic experts.
- 2. By December 15, 2005, Defendants shall identify all generic experts they intend to offer and produce the Rule 26(a)(2) reports of those generic experts.
- 3. By January 5, 2006, Plaintiffs shall identify all generic experts they intend to offer in rebuttal and produce the Rule 26(a)(2) reports of those generic experts.
- 4. Depositions of designated generic experts shall take place between January 15, 2006 and April 14, 2006. The depositions of Plaintiffs' generic experts shall proceed and be completed before the depositions of Defendants' generic experts.

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5. All documents, articles, data compilations and other material on which a

generic expert relied in formulating his or her opinion shall be produced no later than ten

(10) days in advance of a generic expert's deposition.

6. Depositions of generic experts shall be limited to fourteen (14) hours.

7. Daubert motions pertaining to generic expert testimony may be filed no

later than thirty (30) days after all expert depositions have been completed. Oppositions

to Daubert motions pertaining to generic expert testimony are due thirty (30) days after

such motions have been filed. Reply briefs are due fifteen (15) days after the oppositions

have been filed.

8. The deadline for filing the remand report set forth in paragraph II(A) of

Pretrial Order No. 20 and extended by Pretrial Order Nos. 22, 24, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 34,

35, 38 and 47 is extended to August 14, 2006.

Dated: October 4, 2005

at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

s/John R. Tunheim
JOHN R. TUNHEIM

United States District Judge

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